(c) Sales Tax exemption is related to fixed capital investment in the unit and is limited to 100% in case of medium scale unit and 125% in case of small scale units.

(d) Rationalisation of sales tax rates has been done for electornics and automobile industry.

(d) No, Sir.

Agreement between management of BSIL and Union

3203. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of a tripartite settlement dated 20th June, 1987 between a union and the Management of Bokaro site of Instrumentation Limited, Kota, Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the General Secretary of that Union in a letter to the management and the Labour Department informed that its union had no branch at Bokaro site and the body entering into an agreement was fictitious; and;

(c) if so, the justification of making agreement with fictitious union ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir. A Memorandum of Settlement was arrived at between the management of Instrumentation Limited Kota and All India Instrumentation Ltd. Project Employees Union, Bokaro Branch during the conciliation proceedings held by the Joint Labour Commissioner (JLC), Government of Bihar, Patna on 20-6-1987. As per the settlement, 100 workers were regularised Besides, temporary workers were given additional benefits.

(b) No, Sir. The agreement cannot be called fictitious since it was arrived at the behest of the JLC, which is the appropriate authority for the purpose.

(c) Does not arise.

Import of Machine Tools

3204. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the various Computerised Numerically Controlled (CNC) Machine tools cleared for imports during 1989-90 and 1990-91 ;

(b) what is the country of its origin ; and

(c) what is the estimated capital outlay involved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Manufacturing of CNC machine tools

3205. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of various Indian manufacturers of Computerised Numerically Controlled (CNC) Machine tools ; and

(b) the types of CNC Machine Tools manufactured by them and which of these manufacturers are having a foreign collaboration currently under implementation/or on going ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) According to available information, 66 units are manufacturing CNC Machine Tools. Out of these, 36 units have foreign collaboration. The types of CNC Machine Tools manufactured by these units include CNC Lathes/CNC Chukers, CNC turning centres, CNC boring machines and CNC cylindrical grinding machines.

Equal pay for equal work

3206. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the amount spent on litigation with Bokaro progressive Front on the issue of Equal Pay for Equal Work now pending before the Ranchi Bench of Patna High Court till 31st March, 1993 with break up into T.A., D.A. of the officers and the fees of the lawyers ;

(b) whether any complaint has been received on these bills ;

(c) if so, the steps taken thereof ; and

(d) the justification of continuing such litigation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Instrumentation Limited, Kota has incurred a total expenditure of Rs. 4,35,115.45 from 1986-87 till 31-3-1993 on the litigation with Bokaro Progressive Front, the Break-up of which is as follows :—

Legal expenditure including lawyers fees : Rs. 3,21,509.50

TA/DA : Rs. 1,13,605.95

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The company has been making huge losses on account of surplus manpower etc. It has been protecting its interests in the court of law against the writ petition filed by the workers.

Performance of industrial sector

3207. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : SHRI IQBAL SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a survey conducted by the PHD chamber of commerce and industry reveals that majority of the respondents felt that the industrial sector as a whole would perform better in 93-94 as compared to 1992-93 ;

(b) if so, whether according to the survey 68 per cent expected a higher growth ;

(c) if so, what are the other objectives mentioned in the report ; and

(d) to what extent the industry has improved its performance during the current year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Some of the other findings of the report are :

(1) Inflation is likely to be between 8 to 10%.

(2) An increase in both foreign and domestic investment is expected.

(3) Competition in domestic sector will increase.

(4) A worrying aspect of the survey has been the response on demand. Majority of the respodents did not show much optimism that indirect tax concessions would stimulate demand of their products.

(d) As per the revised Index of Industrial Production, the industrial sector has shown a growth of 1.5% during 1992-93 compared to a nil rate of growth during 1991-92.

New growth centre scheme

3208. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Project Reports pending for appraisal and approval under the New Growth Centre Schemes as on 1st August, 1993 ;

(b) the names of the States with their number of projects pending ;

(c) the names of the States and the amount released to them during the last three years ; and

(d) the reasons for the inordinate delay in approving the schemes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) As on 1-8-1993, out of 55 project reports received from the State Governments, 37 have been appraised and approved, and the remaining 18 reports are under appraisal as indicated in Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) Amount released under the Growth Centre Scheme during the last three years is indicated in Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) In many cases, State Governments take considerable time in giving complete information on project reports.

Statement I

Name of the State	Number of project reports under appraisal
1. Bihar	4
2. Himachal Pradesh	1
3. Kerala	2
4. Maharashtra	1
5. Nagaland	1
6. Orissa	2
7. Rajasthan	1
8. Tamil Nadu	1
9. Tripura	1
10. Uttar pradesh	2
11. West Bengal	2